

Minutes

STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

Smithfield Room, The Inn at Virginia Tech

7:30 a.m.

November 7, 2016

Board Members Present:

Gabe Cohen, Undergraduate Student Representative

Rector James Chapman

Mehmood Kazmi

Chris Peterson

Tim Sands, President

Mehul Sanghani, Committee Chair (Student Affairs and Athletics)

Guests:

Whit Babcock, Gary Bennett, Tom Brown, Bridget Brugger-McSorley, Matt Chan, David Clubb, Ali Cross, Matt Ebert, Joe Edens, Heather Evans, Natalie Forbes, Randy Fullhart, Martha Glass, Hunter Gresham, Hikmet Gursoy, Derek Gwinn, Lee Hawthorne, Kay Heitdbreder, Amy Hogan, Ryan Hopkins, Byron Hughes, Robin Jones, Frances Keene, Megan Kuhn, Heather LaFon, Mark Lawrence, Kim O'Rourke, Tim Parker, Patricia (Patty) Perillo, Mena Pratt-Clarke, Donna Ratcliffe, Bradi Rhodes, President Timothy Sands, Rohsaan Settle, Frank Shushok, Angela Simmons, Tricia Smith, Heather Wagoner, Danny White, Penny White, Kim Winston, and Chris Wise.

Open Session

- 1. Tour of Upper Quad and Squires Student Center:** The Committee toured the Upper Quad with the Buildings and Grounds Committee. The tour began with a visit to cadet rooms in Monteith Hall. Monteith Hall was constructed in 1949 and is scheduled to be demolished once the Corps' second, new residence hall is complete next year. Following Monteith Hall, the Board members toured Pearson Hall, the new Corps residence hall, where they observed cadet rooms and some of the various Corps program support areas.

Next the Board visited the construction site of the Corps' second, new residence hall and the work being done on the plaza in front of Lane Hall. They also noted the project underway to replace the roof of Lane Hall and strengthen the cupola in anticipation of once again being able to fly flags there again.

Finally, the Board members observed the site of the new Corps Leadership & Military Science Building...whose preliminary design has been completed and for which the private component of construction dollars has already been raised.

Immediately following the tour of the Upper Quad, the SAAC toured Squires Student Center. The original Squires Student Center building (54,366 GSF) was built in 1937 at a cost of \$224,750 and was originally called the Student Activities Building. It was renamed "Squires Hall" in 1949. An addition (108,482 GSF), which surrounded the original building, was completed in 1969 at a cost of \$3.5M. The final addition (72,400 GSF) was completed in 1991 at a cost of \$17M. The accompanying renovation revealed portions of the original building's facade and added the Old Dominion Ballroom. The current facility houses the Department of Music, meeting rooms, event space, lounge and recreation space, cultural centers, student organization offices, and student affairs offices. There are approximately 9000 event bookings and 1.1 million visitors each year. There have been no renovations to Squires since 1991. The Facility Inventory Condition Assessment System rating is 28%.

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m.

- 2. Introductions, Opening Remarks, and Approval of August 29, 2016 Minutes:** Mr. Mehul Sanghani, committee chair, offered introductions and opening remarks, and he presented the minutes of the August 29, 2016, Student Affairs and Athletics Committee meeting to the committee for review and approval.

A motion was made and passed unanimously to approve the minutes as written.

- 3. Update on Hokie Handbook Resolutions:** Dr. Patty Perillo, vice president for student affairs, gave a brief update on the Hokie Handbook resolutions discussed at the August 29th Board of Visitors meeting. She met with the Core 5 to discuss and Board Member Gabe Cohen is continuing conversations with students over the course of this year related to this resolution. This issue will be brought back to the June Board meeting.
- 4. *Resolution Regarding Pre-Enrollment Courses:** Dr. Patty Perillo, vice president for student affairs, presented a resolution for board approval related to non-credit, pre-enrollment programs. Recognizing the importance of these programs, an enrollment hold would be placed on the students account until the courses are completed.

After discussion, an amended resolution was passed allowing the University president or their designee such authority.

- 5. Master Planning Process, Consultant Feedback:** Dr. Patty Perillo, vice president for student affairs, presented recent findings and recommendations on Master Planning for the division of student affairs. Her comments included that the company hired to facilitate the master planning process met with many constituent

groups to discuss the issue of current and future space needs for student life. Their findings indicated that student affairs space is not adequately sized for our student population, nor does it provide the gathering and social spaces needed to support the goals of Beyond Boundaries. Given that current spaces and facilities do not support current activities and needs, there will need to be an investment in student life space with enrollment growth.

- 6. O’Shaughnessy and Dietrick Renovations:** Dr. Frank Shushok, senior associate vice president for student affairs reported that the Board of Visitors approved a planning authorization for the renovation of O’Shaughnessy Hall at the March 21, 2016 meeting. Today’s presentation was an update on the planning process which is nearing completion. This renovation, if approved, will include significant program enhancements, aesthetic upgrades, and air conditioning the building. O’Shaughnessy Hall was opened in 1966 and has our residential system’s worst facilities condition assessment index score.

The Division of Student Affairs and the Office of University Planning has completed a feasibility study of the first floor of Dietrick Hall in anticipation of enrollment growth. The study sought to increase seating capacity by enclosing the overhang porch and adjusting existing space. The plan will increase new indoor/outdoor seats by 240. A secondary aspect of the plan is to re-envision the outdoor space into a vibrant spirit plaza.

- 7. Intercollegiate Athletics Report:** Mr. Whit Babcock, director of athletics, offered a quarterly report on intercollegiate athletics. Mr. Danny White started with a short video showing Hokie spirit. He then offered a brief overview of some of the initiatives for athletes around difficult topics such as sexual assault.

Dr. Gary Bennett presented on the One Team program. One Team is an innovative approach to sexual assault prevention programming for student-athletes designed and implemented by Athletic Department staff.

Ms. Natalie Forbes presented on the One Love program. One Love is a program that works with young people across the country to raise awareness about the warning signs of abuse and activate communities to work to change the statistics around relationship violence. The workshop, called Escalation, is film-based and facilitated. By May 2017, all student athletes will have completed the workshop.

Mr. Tim Parker, senior associate athletics director for compliance and governance, Ms. Bridget Brugger-McSorely, Ms. Heather LaFon, and Mr. Derek Gwinn, provided an overview of Virginia Tech Athletics Compliance Program, focused on its guiding principles and key operational features. The overview was presented within the context of NCAA expectations and highlights the organizational structure of the program on campus.

Athletics concluded their presentation with a closing video about athletics and their community service efforts in the spirit of Ut Prosim.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m.